

FEBRUARY 21, 1817.

Read twice and committed to a committee of the whole House,
to-morrow.

A Bill

To regulate the trade in plaster of Paris.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of*
2 *the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That from*
3 and after the first day of May next, no plaster of Paris, the
4 production of any country or its dependencies, from which the
5 vessels of the United States are not permitted to bring the same
6 article, shall be imported into the United States, in any foreign
7 vessel. And all plaster of Paris imported, or attempted to be
8 imported into the United States, contrary to the true intent
9 and meaning of this act, and the vessel in which the same may
10 be imported, or attempted to be imported, together with the
11 cargo, tackle, apparel, and furniture, shall be forfeited to the
12 United States; and such plaster of Paris, vessel, and cargo,
13 shall be liable to be seized, prosecuted, and condemned, in like
14 manner, and under the same regulations, restrictions, and pro-

visions, as have been heretofore established for the recovery,
collection, and distribution, and remission of forfeitures to the
United States by the several revenue laws.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this act shall continue
and be in force five years from the thirty-first day of January, one
thousand eight hundred and seventeen: *Provided, nevertheless,* That if any foreign nation, or its dependencies, which have
now in force regulations on the subject of the trade in plaster
of Paris, prohibiting the exportation thereof to certain ports of
the United States, shall discontinue such regulations, the Pre-
sident of the United States is hereby authorized to declare that
fact by his proclamation, and the restrictions imposed by this
act shall, from the date of such proclamation, cease and be dis-
continued in relation to the nation, or its dependencies, discon-
tinuing such regulations.